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HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA MANAGEMENT REPORT

Information contained in this report reflects HQ and regional reporting from the most recently completed operational period as well as other reports provided by HQ, regional and interagency sources.

National Incident Management Objectives

Objective 1: Ensure that health and safety of the EPA responders is considered at all times.

Objective 2: Establish an incident management structure and processes employing the Incident Command System to enable effective overall management of the event with deployment of resources (staff and equipment) in a rapid, aggressive and well-coordinated manner.

Objective 3: Ensure prompt Review and Processing of Fuel Waiver requests.

Objective 4: Prepare for and provide Rapid Assessment of Industrial facilities as requested by the State or under EPA's statutory program responsibilities for CERCLA Superfund, RMP and FRP facilities. Working with our state partners, contact industrial sources within the impacted area to determine their operational status and determine what support can be provided with the monitoring of the start-up of industrial sources.

Objective 5: Prepare for and provide Rapid Assessment & Technical Assistance Drinking Water & Wastewater facilities as requested by the State or local government. EPA will support our state partners in contacting drinking water and wastewater systems.

Objective 6: Prepare a Sustained Response Plan that outlines the resource and equipment needs for a long duration response.

Objective 7: Activate the Agency's Crisis Communication Plan to ensure effective and efficient coordination of all incident communications.

Objective 8: Encourage a collaborative federalism approach, where national, state and local governments interact cooperatively and collectively to solve common problems.

Objective 9: Begin Agency internal and external coordination under the National Disaster Recovery Framework regarding Recovery Support Functions in which EPA is likely to be involved.

Executive Summary

The new schedule for management reports will be Tuesday and Friday, starting the week of October 16th.

Region 2

- Through October 13th, thunderstorms with heavy rainfall and brief gusty winds are expected across portions of interior and southwest Puerto Rico (PR). Soils are already saturated and loose, and many of the rivers and small streams remain at above-normal levels. Therefore, there is high risk of river and small stream flooding as well as mudslides and rockfall in areas of steep terrain. Urban flooding is also likely across low lying and poor drainage areas.
- As of October 13th, 91% Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA)-served PR residents do not have power. The percentage increased from 85% because the San Juan Power Plant collapsed. In the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), 86.6% are without power in St. Thomas, 100% are without power in St. John, and 88% are without power in St. Croix; 90% of USVI is expected to have power restored by the end of the calendar year.
- As of October 13th, 37% of the Puerto Rico Aqueducts Sewer Authority (PRASA)-served population is without access to drinking water (DW) service; comparable data for USVI is not available. PR and USVI have island-wide boil water orders. In PR, 33% of the sewage treatment plants are not operational. In the USVI, damage to sewage systems was less severe, but plants do not have primary power, and lack sufficient generators or generator fuel.

Region 4

- As of October 13th, Landfill Technical Specialists from the Resource Conservation and Restoration Division (RCRD) continue to assess Disaster Debris Management Sites (DDMS) in the Florida Keys and have performed 55 site visits.
- As of October 13th, the EPA Container Recovery Group has recovered 295 items, including drums, oil containers, and propane tanks. These items are being stored for categorization and repackaging prior to recycling or disposal at the container staging area at the Florida Keys Marathon International Airport.
- Florida reports all air-monitoring sites are operational. The Winkler Pump Station has power, but is not currently collecting valid data.
- EPA and USCG field teams continued vessel recovery operations in Boot Key Harbor, Marathon Key. EPA contractors continue work at the Marathon City Marina vessel staging area and estimate that the on-water recovery crane and barges will be ready for operations on October 13th.

Regional Mission Assignments and Funding

EPA Region	Mission Assignment Number	Funding Amount	Description of Assignment
Region 2	4339DR-PR-EPA-04	\$6,000,000	To deploy personnel to coordinate and execute all necessary assessments, evaluations, sampling and analysis services/support and other necessary actions associated with ensuring the safety and quality of DW and WW systems, in support of PRASA, Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDH).
	4339DR-PR-EPA-03*	\$10,000,000	Removal, cleanup and disposal of oil and hazmat; collect and dispose of HHW; monitor immediate threats to public H&S and the environment in PR.
	VI-17090102-EPA-01	(\$10,000)	Expired
	4335DR-VI-EPA-01	(\$100,000)	Expired
	4335DR-VI-EPA-02	\$1,008,000	To perform assessment of oil and hazardous materials releases, contaminated debris and other environmental events in USVI.
	4335DR-VI-EPA-04	\$10,000,000	Conduct oil and hazardous materials field operations, including cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials and oil, and response to orphaned containers in order to mitigate actual and potential threats to public health and safety.
	4335DR-VI-EPA-06	\$2,000,000	EPA provides support preparing for site-specific platforms for situational awareness; environmental data management; operational deployment plans; documentation of assessment activities and results; resource and financial tracking, accountability and cost documentation.
	PR-17090102-EPA-01	(\$20,000)	Expired
	3384EM-PR-EPA-01	(\$75,000)	Expired
	4336DR-PR-EPA-01	(\$125,000)	Expired
	4336DR-PR-EPA-02	\$1,008,000	To perform assessment and reconnaissance of oil and hazardous materials release, contaminated debris and storm impacted infrastructure which may pose a threat to federal responders, as well as, environmental harm in PR.
	4339DR-PR-EPA-01	\$303,000	EPA to FEMA NRCC or PR JFO/EOC
	4340DR-VI-EPA-01	\$130,000	EPA to FEMA NRCC or USVI JFO/EOC
	4340DR-VI-EPA-04	\$2,100,000	EPA to RRCC, JFO, EPA REOC, State EOC and other coordination venues to support FEMA response operations in the USVI
Region 4	4337DR-FL-EPA-05	\$90,000	Activation for appropriate EPA personnel to perform the functions of ESF-10 w/ RRCC, IOF, JFO, FEMA's Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT), Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Team, or other teams and locations, at the direction and coordination of FEMA.
	4337DR-FL-EPA-03	(\$525,000)	Expired

EPA Region	Mission Assignment Number	Funding Amount	Description of Assignment
	4337DR-FL-EPA-04	(\$9,000,000)	Expired
	4337DR-FL-EPA-07	(\$675,000)	Expired
	4337DR-FL-EPA-08	\$10,000,000	Provide oil and hazardous material field response in support of FEMA response operations providing specialized expertise, conducting damage assessment of oil/hazmat waste impact evaluating hazards; and/or response, removal, or disposal of actual and potential oil discharges, and releases of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants and remove pollutants from vessels in or upon navigable waters and adjoining shorelines through November 30 th with a state cost share of 10%.
	4337DR-FL-EPA-09	\$675,000	Provide funding for EPA Landfill Specialty Teams through November 30 th with a state cost share of 10%.
Total Active MAs	\$43,314,000		

**A signed MA task order documenting the additional task requested by the PR Solid Waste Authority was received.*

Total Number of Regional Personnel Involved in Response

Type	R2 Personnel	R4 Personnel	Total Regional Personnel
EPA	152	17	169
Contractors	92	2	94
Totals	245*	19	263*

**Includes one Coast Guard employee stationed in Edison, NJ.*

Force Laydown for USVI* and PR (as reported by Region 2 on October 13th)

- Region 2 has entered resource orders into the WebEOC Personnel Resource Log.

Type	Personnel USVI	Personnel PR	Total Deployment
EPA **	19	62	81
Contractors	43	26	69
Totals	62	88	150

**St. John is currently inaccessible to EPA responders.*

***These numbers include CEPD personnel*

Region 2 Significant Activities

- As of October 13th, disease outbreaks have been reported in numerous municipalities (diarrhea, conjunctivitis, etc.). PRDH has confirmed 10 active cases of leptospirosis and 2 deaths due to the disease. EPA also received an unconfirmed report indicating potential malaria and conjunctivitis cases in

Villalba, Juana Díaz, and vicinity from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

- EPA teams continue to assess Superfund sites in PR including those where reports indicated residents might be extracting water from the wells on the sites. EPA public affairs and CIC staff are addressing media and community outreach actions to warn the public about accessing these sites. The PR EPA Incident Commander will continue to address site security with the Remedial Project Managers (RPMs).
- EPA continues to coordinate hazardous material response related to sunken vessel recovery with the USCG.

Superfund and Oil Sites

- EPA teams have assessed the wells at the Hormigas Groundwater Contamination National Priorities List (NPL) site. The three wells are covered and secured with locks, which have not been compromised. A neighbor informed an EPA contractor that he took about 10 gallons of water from a nearby water line supplied from a main water supply (not connected to the NPL site). On October 13th the site will be secured by EPA's contractors, including fence repairs and the replacement of warning signs.
- EPA teams have assessed the Dorado Groundwater Contamination NPL site in Caguas where reports indicated residents might be extracting water from the wells on the sites. The team observed that the fence was down, locks broken and open access to the site available. On October 13th the site will be secured by EPA's contractors, including fence repairs and the replacement of warning signs. EPA will conduct post-storm sampling.
 - Two of the 13 wells are used and tested by PRASA on a regular basis and the concentrations are below Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). The EPA team has observed that water has been accessed from these two wells.
 - The EPA team observed people accessing water at two other wells, however previously collected data indicate the concentrations measured in these wells do not exceed the MCL for PCE (the main contaminant).
- On October 12th, EPA assessed the San Germán Superfund site. The site is secure but missing warning signs will be replaced by October 14th. No evidence was observed of anyone having breached or currently utilizing the groundwater at any of the wells for any purposes.
- On October 12th, EPA assessed the conditions of the monitoring wells at the Maunabo Urbano Public Wells NPL site. Twenty-six of the 27 monitoring wells assessed by EPA had caps secured with locks. The one unsecured well was missing a hinge on the metal cap and it was fully open, however the inner PVC casing had a pressurized rubber cap screwed into it.
- There are 34 Superfund and oil sites (30 in PR and 4 in USVI). The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) is contacting the RPMs for each site and working with Region 2's Emergency and Remedial Response Division to provide updates.

SUPERFUND SITES (NPL, Removal, and Oil)						
Site	Type	Phase 1	Phase 2		Phase 3	All Phases Completed
		Post-Storm Assessment	Site Inspection Needed	Inspected	Additional Response Action	
PUERTO RICO						
Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area (Vieques)	NPL					
Barceloneta Landfill	NPL					
Arecibo Battery Recycling Co.	Removal & NPL*	09/22	No	-	No	09/22

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Site	Type	Phase 1	Phase 2		Phase 3	All Phases Completed
		Post-Storm Assessment	Site Inspection Needed	Inspected	Additional Response Action	
Cabo Rojo Groundwater Contamination	NPL					
Cidra Groundwater Contamination	NPL	10/05	No	-	No	10/05
Corozal Well	Removal & NPL*	09/24	No	-	No	09/24
Culebra	Other					
Dorado Groundwater Contamination	NPL	10/12	Yes			
Fibers Public Supply Wells	NPL	10/05	Yes			
Fort Buchanan	Other	10/06	No	-	No	10/06
Frontera Creek	NPL	10/05	No	-	No	10/05
GE Wiring Devices	NPL	10/06	Yes			
Guayanilla Bay Oil Spill	Oil	10/06	Yes			
Hormigas Groundwater Plume	NPL	10/06	Yes			
Jansen, Inc.	Other					
Juncos Landfill	NPL	09/30	Yes	10/05	No	10/05
Maunabo Urbano Public Wells	NPL	10/12	No	-	No	10/12
Naval Security Group Activity	Other	10/06	No	-	No	10/06
Papelera Puertorriqueña, Inc.	NPL	09/29	No	-	No	09/29
Pesticide Warehouse 1	NPL	10/04	Yes			
Pesticide Warehouse 3	NPL	10/04	Yes			

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Site	Type	Phase 1	Phase 2		Phase 3	All Phases Completed
		Post-Storm Assessment	Site Inspection Needed	Inspected	Additional Response Action	
Prepa Palo Seco General Depot	Other					
Puerto Rico Olefins	Other					
Puma Caribe (CAPECO)	Oil Response	09/21	No	-	No	09/21
RCA Del Caribe	NPL					
San German Groundwater Contamination	NPL	10/12	Yes			
Scorpio Recycling Inc.	NPL	10/05	Yes			
U.S. Naval Station	Other	10/06	No	-	No	10/06
Upjohn Facility	NPL	09/30	Yes			
V&M Albaladejo	NPL					
Vega Alta Public Supply Wells	NPL	09/30	Yes			
Vega Baja Solid Waste Disposal	NPL	10/04	No	-	No	10/04
				USVI		
Cruz Bay Oil Tank	Oil	10/09	Yes	10/11	Yes	
Island Chemical Corp/Virgin Islands Chemical Corp	NPL	10/05	No	-	No	10/05
Krum Bay Oil Spill at WAPA Facility	Oil	10/01	No	-	No	10/01
Tutu Wellfield	NPL	10/03	Yes			

Regulated Facilities in PR

- The Regulated Facility Team (RFT) continues to provide effective compliance assistance to Risk Management Plan (RMP), Facility Response Plans (FRP), and Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) regulated facilities. Several significant RMP, FRP, and SPCC companies in PR and the USVI, such as Puma, PRASA, Total, and Water and Power Authority (WAPA) have reported no damage to oil, chemical, or flammable operations.

Facility Type	Field Assessments Completed on October 11 th	Field Assessments on October 11 th Requiring Follow-up Action	Total Field Assessments Completed to date
RMP	0	0	56
FRP	4	0	23
SPCC (non-FRP)	16	0	56
Total	20	0	135

Regulated Facilities in USVI

- The Virgin Island Asphalt Products facility was found to have sustained significant damage. Damage to some oil tanks was observed with discharges of product to secondary containment. The facility owner is addressing the issues with EPA oversight.

Facility Type	Field Assessments Completed on October 11 th	Field Assessments on October 11 th Requiring Follow-up Action	Total Field Assessments Completed to date
RMP	0	0	1
FRP	0	0	3
SPCC (non-FRP)	13	0	19
Total	13	0	23

Drinking Water/Wastewater (DW/WW) Assessments in PR

- PRASA facility assessments are ongoing with EPA staff participating in PRASA facility assessments.
 - Out of PRASA's 51 facilities, 17 wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) are non-operational, 11 of which are upstream of a drinking water intake. These facilities represent a high priority for assessment and repair. Most of the out-of-service WWTPs are not receiving any sewage due to collapsed trunk sewers or main pump stations with operational problems.
 - Assessments are complete at around 80% of PRASA's 800 pump stations. As of October 10th, at least 247 sanitary pump stations are overflowing sewage due to lack of power, malfunctioning power generator or pumping problems. Of these 247 pump stations, 92 are located upstream of a water supply intake. PR's largest pump station, Torrecillas Pump Station, suffered major damages due to flooding.
 - 33 WWTPs are working on alternate power.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Assessments on PR (as of October 11 th)		
Assessment Types	Daily Assessments	Total Assessments
On-Site DW Assessments	10	36
On-Site WW Assessments	11	108

- Non-PRASA drinking water facilities serve approximately 4% of the PR populations (PRASA systems service the other 96%).
 - EPA is working with PRDOH, DOD, HHS, and FEMA, in assessing the non-PRASA drinking water systems throughout PR. Such systems provide drinking water from wells and surface water to isolated communities located in rural areas in PR.

Drinking Water/Wastewater (DW/WW) Assessments in USVI

- A boil water advisory remains in place across the USVI.
- St. John has two days of emergency water storage, while St. Thomas and St. Croix have six and five days, respectively.
- EPA continues to coordinate drinking water sampling with DPNR. DPNR continues to notify the proprietors of the affected systems to ensure proper disinfection measures are taken.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Assessments on USVI* (as of October 11 th)		
Assessment Types	Daily Assessments	Total Assessments
On-Site DW Assessments	44	399
On-Site WW Assessments	0	0

**On-site assessment of drinking water or wastewater facilities is a site visit to a facility to determine operating status and overall needs (i.e., power, treatment chemicals, fuel for generators).*

PR and USVI Air Monitoring Activities

- The PR EQB plans to conduct an assessment on the conditions of the ambient air monitoring network. The network went offline prior to Hurricane Maria's landfall. There is no update or information on the status or damages. EQB will staff an assessment team once their employees are available.
- USACE has requested EPA assistance with air monitoring during the USACE's air curtain burning of vegetative debris activities.

PR Debris Recovery

- EPA is coordinating with the USACE in support of EPA's hazardous materials removal operations MA. USACE is evaluating several locations for debris collection staging areas. EPA plans to co-locate hazardous material staging areas at all identified staging locations. Until USACE's areas are identified, EPA is coordinating with EQB to establish a temporary hazardous materials staging area. EPA is conducting site visits with USACE and EQB at the proposed USACE staging areas, as well as municipal collection areas.
- An EPA contractor has developed a plan to mobilize a barge with all the necessary equipment to support the debris MAs, using a FEMA transport. Once all the equipment is assembled, FEMA will determine the ship date for the materials, which is tentatively October 19th with estimated arrival in PR on October 25th. In the interim, staff have approached FEMA to obtain vehicles that can be used to support EPA's debris MAs.
- A staging area at the US Army Garrison - Ft. Buchanan, in Guaynabo, has been secured for the staging of equipment to support EPA's debris MAs.
- Municipalities report a large amount of unauthorized, clandestine dumps in their communities. They are concerned with public health and environmental impacts. These dumps continue to be reported on October 13th.

USVI Debris Recovery

- USVI is allowing the burning of vegetative debris. EPA and USACE believe that chipping and reuse of vegetative debris is more desirable, but agree there is too much of such debris, and that burning some of it will be necessary. USACE intends to segregate construction and demolition (C&D) debris prior to burn operations and VIWMA will handle the C&D debris.
- An EPA contractor has procured a barge with all the necessary equipment to support EPA's debris MAs, using a FEMA transport. The materials and equipment will be shipped via the barge from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to St. Thomas and St. Croix by the week of October 16th.
- As of October 11th, EPA is planning for the transportation and disposal of stockpiled medical waste at the hospitals on St. Croix (50,000 lbs) and St. Thomas (80,000 lbs). EPA personnel met with the Acting CEO/General Counsel for the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital on St. Croix to discuss medical waste disposal activities and needs. EPA personnel met with the contractor "VI Regulated Wastes" to discuss medical waste disposal for St. Croix and St. Thomas. EPA anticipates receiving a proposal from the contractor for these services by October 14th.
- VIWMA has requested EPA assistance with the handling, transportation, and/or disposal of household hazardous waste, medical waste, white goods, and electronic waste (e-waste). A collection area has been identified on St. Croix adjacent to the Limetree Facility, where EPA will conduct air monitoring.

Orphan Container, Pollution Response and Vessels in PR and USVI

- As of October 13th, four hazard evaluations are open on USVI with none closed. No hazard evaluations have yet occurred on PR and no orphan containers have been reported yet.
- On October 12th, six teams of EPA, United States Coast Guard (USCG), and contractor personnel conducted on-the-water operations to locate and evaluate the condition of sunken vessels in PR. USCG has tentatively identified 266 sunken vessels as initial targets for assessment. Data collection and reporting procedures are under development.
- For USVI, a public service announcement should be issued this week to advise owners of sunken or grounded boats to remove them by the November 10th deadline.
 - USCG will contract either National Response Corp (NRC) and/or Resolve Maritime to remove and dispose of fuels from vessels. They will also remove the batteries and dispose of them through VI Regulated Waste.
 - NRC personnel placed boom around a sport fishing boat leaking fuel in the Salt River. A fuel recovery team staffed by NRC, USCG, and contractors will begin removing fuel from one of two leaking vessels located in Salt River on October 14th.
 - Vessels located in sensitive areas will be removed prior to the November 10th deadline and staged west of the seaplane ramp in Christiansted pending the owner's response. Vessels whose owners sign the waiver allowing removal of them will be removed as soon as possible.

Region 4 Significant Activities

Drinking Water/Wastewater (DW/WW) Assessments in FL

- As of October 3rd, the USACE and the Region 4 Water Protection Division completed their ESF-3 water infrastructure assessment mission, with a total of 2,227 drinking water and wastewater facility assessments conducted. Field and remote assessment activities have been completed, and EPA has completed all ESF-3 assignments. Pending any changes in water sector activities, the REOC has suspended ESF-3 reporting in situation reports.

Debris Recovery in FL

- Landfill Technical Specialists from the RCRD continue to assess DDMS in the Florida Keys and, as of October 13th, have performed 55 site visits.
- The DDMS established at the CEMEX building materials facility in Tavernier was declared an imminent health hazard by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) due to the waste pile's proximity to several residences. FDEP asked Monroe County to move the debris pile away from the residences and transport the material to an approved solid waste disposal facility.
- On October 10th, the Landfill Specialty Team (LST) participated in a meeting with Monroe County officials, FDOH, and the site operator of the DDMS at the CEMEX facility in Tavernier, Florida, which is the site previously determined to be too close to residential areas.
 - As a result of the meeting, the site owner has committed to begin shipping waste out within a week and provided estimated waste quantities received to date.
 - The LST, FDOH and County officials met with adjacent residents and provided them a comprehensive overview and status of the CEMEX DDMS.
- Monroe County began transporting debris waste out of the Florida Keys. The FDEP South District is notifying authorized sites of their responsibilities to follow State and Federal guidelines and requirements, and to perform corrective actions as necessary.

Orphan Container, Pollution Response and Vessels in FL

- EPA personnel have integrated into unified operations with the USCG and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and continue to conduct land-based assessments in the inland zone of Monroe County.

EPA Container Assessment Targets (Identified to Date—Florida Keys)			
USCG Sector	Targets Identified/Assessed	Targets Completed*	Targets Remaining
Key West	170	127	43
*Removed or determined no further action necessary			

- As of October 13th, the EPA Container Recovery Group has recovered 295 items, including drums, oil containers, and propane tanks. These items are being stored for categorization and repackaging prior to recycling or disposal at the container staging area at the Florida Keys Marathon International Airport.
- At the request of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), EPA prepared vessel recovery and staging areas. EPA and USCG field teams continued vessel recovery operations in Boot Key Harbor, Marathon Key. EPA contractors continue work at the Marathon City Marina vessel staging area and estimate that the on-water recovery crane and barges will be ready for operations on October 13th. Data management activities include preparing and modifying the collection application as well as setting up the mobile viewer for tracking and displaying vessel recovery progress. EPA contractors conducted training with field teams to improve data collection accuracy.

EPA Headquarters Significant Activities

The HQ EOC is activated to Level 1 in support of EPA Regions 2, 4, and 6 responses to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. For the Hurricanes Irma and Maria responses, the HQ EOC is coordinating on several levels with EPA Regions 2 and 4, and other Federal agencies. The HQ EOC deployed personnel to the FEMA NRCC's ESF-10 desk. EPA Senior Management on the Policy Coordination Committee (PCC) developed and issued senior management objectives that form the basis of field strategy and tactics in response to Maria and Irma.

Personnel	AO	OAR	OARM	OCFO	OCSP	OECA	OEI	OGC	OLEM	ORD	OW	PIO	ATSDR	Totals
Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	1	1	0	11
Contractors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	1	0	12

Other EPA Activities

OECA Civil/CID

- EPA has received *force majeure* claims from:
 - PREPA regarding its compliance with certain requirements of a 1999 Clean Air Act consent decree;
 - PRASA, the P.R. Department of Transportation & Public Works and the P.R. Highway and Transportation Authority relating to those entities' compliance with existing Clean Water Act consent decrees with EPA;
 - Puma Energy Caribe, LLC concerning its compliance with a RCRA consent decree.
 - The U.S. Navy concerning compliance with the Federal Facilities Agreement regarding the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area NPL site.
- Similar *force majeure* claims will likely be submitted by other parties with whom EPA has entered into consent decrees in Puerto Rico, including the Municipalities of San Juan and Arecibo.

Communications

- Region 2 public affairs and CIC staff are addressing media and community outreach actions to warn the public about improperly accessing Superfund sites.
 - The EPA CIC for the Dorado Groundwater Contamination site spoke with local residents and they were aware that wells are associated with contamination at a Superfund Site but indicated a need for water.
 - The FEMA JFO confirmed that water distribution, via a water truck has been made available to the public and power is scheduled to be on by October 13th, which should allow for the flow of water to the residential properties.
- DPNR is compiling a list of owners of distressed vessels based upon their initial assessments. Owners will be notified by phone, by certified letter and by public service announcements that their vessel needs to be removed.
- For USVI, a public service announcement should be issued this week to advise owners of sunken or grounded boats to remove them by the November 10th deadline.
- A video, entitled "Community Water Assessment Mission," is now posted at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/557519/community-water-assessment-mission>.

- The REOC and Field PIOs are working with reporters from the *Associated Press* and *El Nuevo Dia* to do stories on EPA's work on wastewater and drinking water facility assessments, respectively.
- Bilingual Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) are assisting the assessment teams in PR and USVI and will be supporting the Region 2 RA/DRA visit to the USVI on October 19th.
- Region 2, Region 4, and HQ activities related to Irma and Maria response efforts are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/hurricane-irma> and www.epa.gov/hurricane-maria, respectively.

Congressional Inquiries

- U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, Resident Commissioner Jennifer Gonzalez, and members of the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee are traveling to PR on October 13th. The Speaker will participate in helicopter flight towards the west of PR, including the Guajataca Dam.
- Senior Leadership from EPA Regions 2, 4, and 6 have been requested to appear at a briefing for members and staff of the House Energy & Commerce Committee on Friday, October 13th. The purpose is "to articulate an assessment of the damage to air (RMP and NAAQS), drinking water, soil (including RCRA and CERCLA issues), progress made to remedy that damage, a plan to respond to such remaining damage, and any challenges to remediation." State officials from Texas and Florida have been invited (but there is no indication that PR or USVI officials have been invited).
- The U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of a resolution to provide a \$4.9 billion loan to Puerto Rico (\$4.7 billion allocated for PR) and the USVI under FEMA's community disaster loan program. The U.S. Senate will vote on this resolution the week of October 16th.